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SUBJ: EXTRADITION: MERVYN HAROLD CROSS

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1. DEPT HAS RECENTLY ADVISED SEVERAL STATES TO HIRE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS IN CONNECTION WITH EXTRADITION REQUESTS FROM UK. CASE OF JOHN FREDERICK POTTINGER IS IN POINT. FYI: DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND JUSTICE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CONCERNED WITH PROCESSING OF REQUESTS BY DPP. END FYI.
2. FLORIDA WAS SO ADVISED AND PRESUMABLY WENT DIRECTLY TO UK LAW FIRM. TO AUTHENTICATED DOCUMENTS HAVE YET BEEN RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO EMBASSY AND INISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACTED BUCKERIDGE AND BRAUN.
3. WE SEE NO INCONSISTENCY IN REQUESTING PROVISIONAL ARREST THROUGH UK OFFICIALS AND PURSUING EXTRADITION THROUGH PRIVATE COUNSEL. IN RETROSPECT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE TO INSTRUCT EMB TO INFORM DPP THIS MIGHT HAPPEN BUT AS THIS WAS NOT FIRST CASE OF PRIVATE COUNSEL, THIS DID NOT SEEM SO NOVEL TO US.

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4. ON FEDERAL CASES, JUSTICE STILL PLANS TO RELY ON DPP.

FYI: THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH UK
OFFICIALS HOWEVER. END FYI. CASEY

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